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## WHY NOT COMBINE ?

Certainly no fair-minded man or woman will object that the Gentiles of this city are seeking to concentrate their strength against the political power wielded by the dominant church leaders here. All through the late conference speaker after speaker referred to those who were not of their organization as "enemies." Not long since Joseph F. Smith himself advised the flock to not sell their lands to outsiders and added that he had never yet sold any land to any Gentile, and only last week one of the wives of the president of the church advised poor girls not to accept situations in Gentile families because, though the remuneration was greater, the influences were bad. With President Smith and Professor Talmage frothing at the mouth, with Golden Kimball covertly threatening war, with the leading women of the harems trying to prevent poor girls from accepting fair wages from Gentiles, with every business house closed against Gentile employees; with a steady boycott insidiously taught and practiced against Gentiles, with the perpetual effort to drown free speech and stifle free thought, and the steady, never-ending effort to build up a kingdom resting on polygamy and carried on with perpetual tyranny, why should not free-born American citizens combine and protest against this mighty usurpation and never-ceasing injustice?

Here in Salt Lake the Gentiles own more than half the taxable property; throughout the state the money Gentiles have supplied has made the property values; had they never come here Utah would simply now be a great stock range, the homes would be harems and the people at large would know no more of the glorified free government of the United States than they did when the locomotives touched noses at Promontory in 1869. The transformation has been made by Gentile brains, Gentile industry and Gentile money.

Why should they not combine and by every legitimate means fight this enemy of free government and the inalienable rights of mankind?

The Mormons can point to no wrong ever done them by the Gentiles here. This long struggle for free institutions has been no wrong, but rather a sacred duty; they have broken no pledges, no covenants, they have done their full part in making Utah the place it at present is,

and the only reproach that the robbers of the dominant church can hurl against them is that they are genuine Americans and are trying to build up an American state.

Why should they not combine? Why should they not seek through their ballots to enter a stern protest against this tyrannous rule, that on the wreck of free thought is building up its despotism here?

Three tickets are in the field. Two of them would retire in fifteen minutes were the hope of church support taken from them. Why then should any American hesitate how to vote?

With either a Democratic or Republican mayor and council elected, we will have for two years to come what we have experienced for two years past.

Does any genuine American want that?

## FROM THE SELFISH STANDPOINT.

If we reckon from the Deseret Bank corner north and south and east and west to include (on both sides of the streets) 10,000 rods of streets, and only in the chief business or residence portions of the city, it is a clear case that this property will be worth \$100 per rod more on the 8th day of next month if Ezra Thompson is elected mayor than it will be if either Mr. Lynch is elected or Mr. Morris is re-elected. That means that the election of Mr. Thompson means in that item alone, a gain to a part of the property owners of the city of \$1,000,000; that it will cost the property owners \$1,000,000 if either Mr. Morris or Mr. Lynch is elected. That may seem like a cold-blooded way to state it, but it is the true way. And that is only a beginning. The election of Mr. Thompson would vitalize what is dead now. Men will say such a lot is worth so much money. But can they get it? It has been worth that much for many years, but has it ever been sold? If forced into the market would there be a scramble to buy at that price? We think that every important sale in the residence district that has been made in the past two years has been due to causes all outside this city. A gentleman comes here to take charge of a great mining company and buys a home, or a man who has children whom he wants to educate has made a sudden fortune outside the city or state, and thinks this place will make a good center for him, and buys or builds a home.

But with a real American government here men would make this city a part of their business. They would buy lots and build houses for the money there would be in rents or the advance of the property. Then the owners of material and the men who build houses would come in for their share of profits. There would be something doing, and before a year the \$100 advance per rod would creep up to \$200 or \$300, or in favored places, much more. And new business houses would be established, and manufactories would come and the place would be famed as a live, progressive place, and more and more people would come and Salt Lake would be a real, live, progressive city.

So on a purely selfish basis the men of Salt Lake should this year make a supreme struggle for the transformation which is within their reach if they will but do their duty on election day.

Will some one tell us? Has Salt Lake done

any more than to drift since the day the Honorable B. H. Roberts was elected to congress? It is not true that while the mining and smelting interests of the state have advanced mightily, while the sugar interest has grown to be a colossal industry; while new railroads have been tending this way, and while on the map any business man can see at a glance that this should be the queen city between Omaha and San Francisco; still has the city felt one thrill? Has it not herely drifted? Has not every hope in the minds of business men been broken to the heart? And has not the reason been palpable enough to every one? Has not the chief one been the knowledge that all the executive and legislative bodies in the state and city wait upon the dictum of a power here whose chief desire and determination has not been to build up either a city or a state, but a kingdom? Can not that power be thrown off here in this city? Cannot the men who own the city be given a chance to control it, and give it a chance to expand?

## THE OLD ROLE OF THE NEWS.

With vehement iteration the News denies that anything like church rule in this city is unknown, and challenges proof to the contrary. The News did that same thing for many years, only to have its capacity for prevarication advertised by the heads of the church when they came out and said they would never again seek to control the political thoughts or ballots of the people. The bluff of the News is precisely as was the reply of Falstaff when asked to explain why he had hacked his sword and why he had so grossly lied, to which the great liar replied that if reasons were thick as blackberries he would never give a reason on compulsion. The fight in the council over the franchise job was in itself a reasonably apparent reason; the fights in school elections are pretty good evidence; the presence of Reed Smoot in Washington with a Senator's commission is conclusive evidence; the fact that both Mr. Lynch and Mayor Morris are counting on Church help is another reason; the fact that both are wondering today who the teachers, the night previous to election, will in whispers tell the people who to vote for is pretty good evidence.

What was Joseph F. Smith's final harangue in Conference except to declare that he was speaking as God's own vicegerent, and if he is what can his dupes do but obey? And would the News have us believe that one like him, the President and head of a dozen of the chief industries of Utah, with absolute power, with the spell of a mighty superstition over thousands of blind followers, is holding himself aloof and not perpetually mixing in the government of the City where most of the industries center?

The News has been a steady liar for its creed for nearly half a century, does anyone expect it to change now? Has it not always been the defender of every wrong and crime of the Church leaders? Have any of them ever fathered any job too awful for the News to defend? Why should it change its habits now?

In the coming election national policies will be eliminated. There is but a single issue and that is between the rule of the people and the rule of a few self-appointed grasping priests. Where in such a campaign should any man who believes